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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 are presented for examination. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A key input device comprising
a plurality of input keys being arranged on a surface of a main body case; ~~[[,]]~~ each of the input keys having a body of transparent resin~~[[,]]~~; the input keys having a front surface and a rear surface; the key body being provided with
a light blocking film being formed over a front surface of the input keys; thereof; the light blocking film being partly cut out to form a light transmitting pattern representing a key identification symbol; ~~[[,]] the input keys being provided with~~
a light source being positioned below the input keys so that a light is illuminated directly onto the rear surface of the input keys; the light source being capable of illuminating the input keys; therebelow for illuminating the input keys, the key input device being characterized in that each of the input keys has
a semitransparent screen being formed on the rear surface of the input keys in an area to be illuminated with the light source; a rear surface thereof in an area to be illuminated with the light source; the screen extending over a portion of the area on the rear surface of the input keys to be illuminated ~~which portion includes a region opposed to the light transmitting pattern.~~

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Claim 2 (Original): A key input device according to claim 1 wherein the screen is adjusted in light transmittance and area in accordance with the shape of the light transmitting pattern.

Claim 3 (Original): A key input device according to claim 2 wherein the screen is divided into a plurality of screen pieces in accordance with the shape of the light transmitting pattern, and each of the screen pieces is adjusted in light transmittance.

Claim 4 (Original): A key input device according to claim 2 wherein the screen is divided into a plurality of screen pieces in accordance with the shape of the light transmitting pattern, and each of the screen pieces is adjusted in area.

Claim 5 (Original): A key input device according to claim 1 wherein the screen is colored.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A portable telephone comprising
a plurality of input keys being arranged on a surface of a main body case; [[,]] each of the input keys having a body of transparent resin~~[[,]]~~; the input keys having a front surface and a rear surface; the key body being provided with

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a light blocking film being formed over a front surface of the input keys; ~~thereof~~; the light blocking film being partly cut out to form a light transmitting pattern representing a key identification symbol; ~~[[,]] the input keys being provided with~~

a light source being positioned below the input keys so that a light is illuminated directly onto the rear surface of the input keys; the light source being capable of illuminating the input keys; ~~therebelow for illuminating the input keys, each of the input keys having~~

a semitransparent screen being formed on the rear surface of the input keys in an area to be illuminated with the light source; ~~a rear surface thereof in an area to be illuminated with the light source~~; the screen extending over a portion of the area on the rear surface of the input keys to be illuminated ~~which portion includes a region opposed to the light transmitting pattern.~~